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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GDR INDICATION THAT AUTOBAHN HINDRANCES
ALSO TIED TO LUMP SUM PAYMENT

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1. FRG BONN GROUP REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) INFORMED US AT
FEBRUARY 23 BONN GROUP MEETING THAT FOLLOWING A RECENT
GAUS/NIER DISCUSSION OF THE LUMP SUM PAYMENT BY THE FRG
TO THE GDR FOR USE OF THE TRANSIT ROUTES TO
BERLIN, KARL SEIDEL (WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE FRG
SECTION IN THE GDR MFA) TOLD GAUS THAT THE RECENT
LESSENING OF CONTROLS WAS TO PERSUADE THE FRG NOT TO
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SEEK A REDUCTION IN THE LUMP SUM PAYMENT. SEIDEL SAID
THAT IF THE FRG INSISTED ON REDUCING THE LUMP SUM
PAYMENT, THERE WOULD BE PROBLEMS ON THE TRANSIT ROUTES.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT WE HAVE
HAD THAT THE GDR CONTROLS MAY BE RELATED TO THE LUMP SUM
PAYMENT PROBLEM IN ADDITION TO THE GDR DESIRE TO

PERSUADE THE FRG TO DO MORE TO INHIBIT EXFILTRATION.
THE FRG HAS HERETOFORE PAID ON THE BASIS OF THE ESTIMATE
OF TRAFFIC BUT HAS PROPOSED A REVIEW OF THE PAYMENT
BECAUSE OF INDICATIONS THAT THE ACTUAL VOLUME OF
TRAFFIC HAS NOT BEEN AS HIGH AS THE ESTIMATE IN RECENT
YEARS. VON BRAUNMUEHL TOLD THE BONN GROUP AT THE
JANUARY 23 MEETING THAT THE FRG HAS NO INTEREST IN A
CONFLICT ON THIS ISSUE BUT THE FRG POSITION ON THE
MATTER IS LARGELY DETERMINED BY LAW AND REGULATION.
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